

## Large Corps of Experts Push U. S. Commerce Abroad

Primarily, Duty Is to Secure Ship Tonnage to Beat Germany

Effect To Be Lasting

Knowledge of American Goods and Trade Ideals Being Extended

WASHINGTON, March 2.—In its search of the world for ship tonnage to aid in defeating the Central Powers the United States is building up the largest force of commercial experts which ever has been stationed in foreign countries.

Primarily, the work of the commercial representatives of the State Department, the Department of Commerce and the War Trade Board will have to do with the war, but in co-operating with the governments and business leaders of other nations they will spread a knowledge of American products and trade ideals that officials expect will increase America's commerce after the war.

Completion of the foreign staff of the War Trade Board is being pushed as rapidly as possible, it was said today, so that early results may be had from the government's decision to put every available ship to war purposes by restricting trade necessities.

### Lansing Sends Experts

The State Department also is sending special representatives to countries which will be affected by the licensing of imports into the United States, and commercial attaches of the Department of Commerce are assisting in the work. The war trade experts will have the principal duty to prevent goods reaching Germany, to guide the course of trade and to release as much tonnage as possible. They now have been stationed in London, Paris, Bern, Scandinavia, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Tokyo.

Estimates of the tonnage expected to be put into transatlantic service by restricting trade with South America and the Far East are being guarded closely by the Shipping Board and War Trade Board as likely to be of military value to the enemy in indicating the size of the army which this country hoped to put in Europe.

### To Use Neutral Tonnage

Neutral tonnage is expected to replace American and British vessels in non-hazardous routes, through negotiations now in progress. In preparation for recommending the curtailment of trade with certain countries the Shipping Board has established a new department to which representatives of industry will offer their advice as to the amount of the reduction to be made in the importation of materials affecting them. As it would be impossible to consult each industrial firm in the United States, the plan reached through their trade associations or war service committees.

Recommendations of the Shipping Board as to how much tonnage can be taken from any one route will be used by the War Trade Board as a basis for refusing licenses for sufficient merchandise to permit the release of that tonnage. Officials have refused to indicate what commodities would be affected first, but it is known that dealers in silk have been here to discuss the probable effect of the licensing on trade with China and Japan.

### Warns of Polluted Water

Freshets Apt to Cause Infection, Says Dr. Biggs

ALBANY, March 2.—A warning against dangers of infection of water supplies arising from freshets and flood conditions are issued to-night by Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, State Commissioner of Health.

Dr. Biggs, after stating that in the case of water supplies derived from streams, reservoirs and other surface sources, heavy rains and melting snows would carry considerably increased pollution and possible infection to the waterworks intakes. For this reason he urged health officers and all waterworks officers to reduce pollution to a minimum by the correction of insanitary conditions upon the drainage areas and to pay particular attention to the discovery of possible typhoid cases upon the watersheds and to the proper methods of preventing infection therefrom.

He also emphasized the necessity for proper drainage about wells and springs which are open to infection by unusual ground water conditions and by flooding of the areas in the vicinity of the sources.

### Coal Card Ration System For New York Considered

E. E. Gunnison, Fuel Administrator for Brooklyn, brought word from Washington yesterday that Dr. H. A. Garfield, national Fuel Administrator, was considering a proposal to establish a card rationing system to insure New York householders an adequate coal supply next winter. Under the plan cards would be issued to every family in the city. One great drawback of the plan would be the immense amount of labor it would require to prepare and issue the cards in a manner which would prevent fraud and assure an equitable distribution.

Mr. Gunnison also said the national administrator was considering plans to establish large fuel reserves in various parts of the city to provide against another shortage. This plan is said to have been discussed here last week by coal dealers and representatives of Dr. Garfield.

George Schley, administrator for New York County, said last night that coal receipts had been 40,000 tons a day for the last three days. This is the first time the city has received enough coal for its urgent needs since last December.

### Justice Upholds Himself

MAYBROOK, N. Y., March 2.—Justice Seeger, of the Supreme Court, used to be county judge, and he believes he was a good one. Yesterday he concurred in a ruling he made before his elevation to the Supreme bench, suspending sentence on Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, charged with illegal liquor selling.

## Flier Who Gave Life to Save Comrade Honored at Montclair

Ensign Weed Buried With Full Military Honors—Leaves Bride of a Month

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 2.—Ensign Walker Ten Eyck Weed, the young naval aviator who gave his life to save that of his flying companion after the hydro-aeroplane bearing the two had crashed to the beach at Cape May in flames, was buried today.

Montclair gave Weed the hero's funeral that was as much his due as if he had died an "ace." Fifty men of the Naval Reserve and a band from the Pelham Bay Park station, under command of Ensign Leiti, acted as escort of honor as the cortege made its way between the crowds and flags that lined Bloomfield Avenue.

Chief among the mourners, with Weed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Weed, of Upper Mountain Avenue, was the girl who had become the aviator's bride just a month before she followed his body to its grave—Joan Masson, as Montclair friends still think of her.

The Very Rev. Edwin S. Lines, bishop of the diocese of Newark, Episcopal Church, assisted by Suffragan Bishop Wilson Sears and the Rev. Dr. Luke M. White, the rector.

Men from the Cape May training station were the pall bearers. Present as a special escort of honor were Ensign Crane Cortis, B. Neil and E. E. Houghton, and Lieutenant Crane, of the army.

From Secretary Daniels came this message to Mr. and Mrs. Weed: "I have learned with deep regret of the death of your brave son, and send you my own and the navy's deepest sympathy. Your affliction must be met with pride at the remembrance of his courage and sacrifice."

As Ensign Weed's body was being put into the grave at Kensico Cemetery, in Westchester County, it was reported that Lieutenant Charles D. Bennett, for whom Weed made his sacrifice, had still a chance for recovery. Weed, after he had drowned out the flames which were devouring his own clothing by plunging into the ocean, returned to the rescue of his companion. He finally succeeded in extricating Bennett from the wreck of the plane, which had dropped about seventy-five feet, but by then he had been so badly burned himself that he died next day.



Phelps, of 11 East Seventy-fourth Street and is a daughter of the late Julius Catlin. She was married to the late Trevor L. Park in 1899. He died in 1907, and in February, 1911, she became the wife of C. Mitchell Dewey, 2d, in London, from whom she secured a divorce in France in 1916, it being made final under the French law in May, 1917. Mrs. Dewey taking the name of Mrs. Catlin-Park.

At the outbreak of the war she was living at the Chateau d'Annel, which the Germans took, but were forced later to abandon. Mrs. Catlin-Park went back to her chateau, and at the end of August, 1914, opened it as a hospital for wounded soldiers of the Allies. The French government a year ago bestowed a gold medal upon her, and last June she received the Croix de Guerre and the British government bestowed upon her the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Tausslieb's daughter, Miss Frances L. Park, was married on December 8 last to Captain Ernest Gerald Stanley, a surgeon in the British army, who has the Croix de Guerre for bravery at the front.

Miss Geraldine Brown to Wed  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Brown, of Englewood, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Geraldine Brown, to Ensign Wellesley Laud-Brown, of the Naval Reserve Flying Corps, son of Mrs. T. J. Laud-Brown, of Englewood.

Ensign Laud-Brown is now at the naval air station, Rockaway Beach. He was a member of the aviation unit formed by Henry P. Davidson at the beginning of the war.

E. B. Merritt Heads Van Cleve Company  
E. B. Merritt, formerly with Armour & Co., has purchased a controlling interest in the Van Cleve Advertising Agency, with offices at 1790 Broadway, New York. The firm will take the name of the Merritt-Van Cleve Company, Inc. Prior to his connection with the Armour Company, Mr. Merritt acted as advertising counsel to the California Raisin Growers' Association.

### Miss Moller's Dance Echoes in Home Town

Bird Island Not Surprised That She Performed Without "Feathers"

[Special Correspondence]  
BIRD ISLAND, Minn., March 2.—Forgotten is the war in Bird Island today. For had not Helen Moller "danced right out of her dress" in New York? And it wasn't so much of a dress either. How the former Bird Island girl, dancing without even feathers, flirted with a moonbeam at the Metropolitan Opera House in the big city was the topic of the discussion.

Some of the folks who knew Helen best were not very surprised that she had danced right out of her veil. One woman who had known Helen well when she lived here said: "Helen was always fastening something with a pin, and it's awfully difficult to make a dress stay with just an ordinary pin."

For nearly nine years Helen had been almost forgotten here. She used to live here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moller. Her mother died and her father moved to Minneapolis and married again. After that Helen took to dancing, and the folks here do not claim that her art was acquired on a basis for the Bird Island. Ensign Laud-Brown, although Helen's press agent insisted that her grace came from dancing with the Indians.

### Gen. Tausslieb Weds Mrs. Catlin-Park

Word has been received in New York of the marriage in France, on Wednesday last, of Mrs. Julia H. Catlin-Park to General Tausslieb, commander of the 37th Corps of the French army. The ceremony was performed at the Chateau d'Annel, Longueuil-les-Ormes. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Stove

## Highest Tax Rate In City's History to Pass To-morrow

Assessment Roll Turned Over to the Board of Aldermen

Levy Will Be \$2.30

Increase in Budget and Decrease in Personal Property Valuation to Blame

President Cantor of the Department of Taxes and Assessments yesterday turned over to the City Clerk and Board of Aldermen the tax books constituting the assessment roll for 1918. The aldermen on Monday will adopt what is legally known as the annual tax ordinance, embodying the rate for 1918. As announced in The Tribune last week, the rate this year will be about 30 points in excess of last year, and when the basis of assessed valuations is considered, will be the highest rate in the history of the city. The new rate probably will be around \$2.30 on every \$100 of assessed valuation, or \$23 on \$1,000. The cause for the increase in the tax rate is two-fold—the sharp increase in the size of the city budget,

about \$35,000,000, and the decided decrease in the assessed valuation of personal property, the decrease amounting to \$157,000,000. This decrease is almost wholly due to the fact that under the new Emerson law, operative for the first time this year, the state imposed an income tax of 3 per cent on the net income of mercantile and industrial corporations, exempting such corporations from personal property tax. This new law took away a considerable source of revenue from the city, throwing an added burden upon real estate.

In spite of the comparative absence of building operations, real estate showed a rather favorable increase, \$101,000,000, but this sum was reduced by a decrease in the assessed valuation by the State Board of special franchise assessed valuations, which under the law are classified the same as real estate.

The real estate men are somewhat discouraged by the showing of real estate proper, and hope for larger increases for 1919. They look for a steady increase in land values in the Grand Central Terminal district and along the newly opened subway and elevated lines. They also look for a recovery, to some extent, of land values in Broadway between Chambers and Fortieth streets, due to better transportation facilities and the doing away of construction work in Broadway.

The office buildings in the financial district have made almost a complete recovery, office room being hard to find. Inevitably this will lead to an increase in land values, based on the earning power of the land and buildings together, if the improved conditions are maintained for the next year or two. President Cantor's summary is as follows:

REAL ESTATE	
Manhattan	1917
Real estate....	\$4,679,892,596
R. E. corp....	106,156,340
Franchises....	302,494,867
Totals.....	\$5,088,544,403

The Bronx	
Real estate....	\$630,882,481
R. E. corp....	47,405,600
Franchises....	35,239,013
Totals.....	\$714,226,994

Brooklyn	
Real estate....	\$1,666,307,845
R. E. corp....	30,061,045
Franchises....	44,532,947
Totals.....	\$1,740,901,437

Queens	
Real estate....	\$510,022,993
R. E. corp....	35,335,640
Franchises....	24,439,374
Totals.....	\$569,868,007

Richmond	
Real estate....	\$83,451,455
R. E. corp....	3,594,380
Franchises....	4,164,844
Totals.....	\$91,211,159

CLASSES OF REAL ESTATE	
Ord. real est....	\$7,570,347,590
R. E. corp....	222,614,065
Franchises....	461,567,645
Totals.....	\$8,254,529,290

PERSONAL ESTATE	
Manhattan....	\$339,106,700
The Bronx....	9,324,400
Brooklyn....	57,502,715
Queens....	10,206,200
Richmond....	2,796,200
Totals.....	\$419,156,215

ASSESSMENT ROLL OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE	
Manhattan....	\$5,427,451,103
The Bronx....	727,715,294
Brooklyn....	1,848,401,152
Queens....	580,131,207
Richmond....	93,267,450
Totals.....	\$8,673,766,215

Comparisons show the following decreases in personal estate assessed valuations: Manhattan, \$144,331,600; The Bronx, \$12,167,300; Brooklyn, \$17,819,140; Queens, \$2,356,800; Richmond, \$1,066,700. Total, \$167,741,440. The net decrease on both real and personal, but due entirely to the shrinkage of personal, is \$82,647,689.

## Mrs. House Rides In Big British Tank

"Grand" She Says After Escaping From Interior of the Britannia

British tanks may be all right as sightseeing buses, but Mrs. Edward M. House, wife of Colonel House, made her escape after seven blocks of it yesterday. Colonel House was too busy to go along, but Mrs. House got in, and the other guests of Major C. Broome White, of the British Recruiting Mission, were Mrs. Gordon Auchincloss, Mrs. James Auchincloss and Mrs. James Putnam.

They boarded the Britannia at a garage in Forty-ninth Street. At Forty-second Street the tank stopped and the door opened. "It was perfectly grand," said Mrs. House. "I've had a perfectly wonderful time," she added as she escaped. The rest of the party stuck to it while the big machine nosed its way along and stayed for the recruiting speeches to Britishers.

## Bishop Fined for Contempt

James Cunningham Bishop, formerly a banker in this city and now living in Philadelphia, was fined \$500 by Justice Gavagan yesterday for contempt of court in failing to obey a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was obtained by Mrs. Abigail Hancock Bishop, who divorced the banker in 1913. She demanded the custody of her youngest daughter, Abigail, eleven years old. The father failed to produce the child. Unless Mr. Bishop pays the fine the order of Justice Gavagan provides he is to be committed to jail. However, this order can only be carried out when he comes to New York, he being safe from the process of the court as long as he remains in Philadelphia. In asking for the custody of her

## Gen. J. H. Smith's Death Ends Noted Career

Became Known in Philippine Campaign as "Hell Roaring Jake"

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The death of Brigadier General Jacob Hurd Smith (retired), at San Diego, Cal., yesterday brought to army officers today recollections of the picturesque career of the old fighter who became celebrated in the Philippine campaigns as "Hell Roaring Jake." General Smith waged a campaign to clear Samar of guerrillas that eventually brought him before a court martial and drew the denunciation of many civilians, who were astounded at the severity of his measures. But it cleared out the nests of outlaws who had kept the province in a continual state of insurrection and received the hearty approval of fellow officers who knew the problem.

The sobriquet "Hell Roaring Jake" was one of the national phrases during the Philippine war.

## Seaboard Rate Raise Approved

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today approved increases averaging 15 per cent in all-water class and commodity rates of the Ocean Steamship Company, from Boston, Providence and New York to Augusta, Ga., Beaufort and Port Royal, S. C., and other South Atlantic ports.

## New Yorker to Aid Finance Chief

WASHINGTON, March 2.—E. C. Portecus, of New York, secretary of the Seaboard Air Line, has been appointed assistant to John Skelton Williams, director of finance for the Railroad Ad-

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## Interpretations of the New Style Movements in Women's & Misses' Apparel of Fashion

A Light Style-Motif Characterizes Spring Fashions in

### Women's TAILLEUR SUITS

29.50 to 150.00

Trigness, trimness, slenderized contours mark the modes in the frill gimped Eton, the waistcoated Bolero, the surplined Zouave Jacquette. And the longer waist suits have the well groomed manner and tailoring finesse of the mantle sack coat, gracefully conforming to the lines of the figure and establishing a smart silhouette.

Originations

The apotheosis of a gimped is of handkerchief linen and real Irish lace—square of neck, square and deep of collar, that extends to the waistline and buttons down the back; with cuffs to match. 35.00

Lierre lace of exquisite fineness done in a sailor collar. 12.50

A roll collar of French organdie extends itself to a waistcoat and closes with two pearl buttons—cuffs match it. In white, tan, Joffe blue. 2.95

Gracefully surplined at the front, a hand-made gimped of net is hand-drawn and has a footing edge. 15.00

Of the new quilted seven—a handbag on a frame of simulated tortoise shell. 16.50

Supplie collars of Paris origin are hand-made of fine handkerchief linen, with an all-over hand embroidered design and real Valenciennes lace edge. 16.50

Softly draped into a plastron, a French hand-made collar of net, hand embroidered and real felt lace. 35.00

Exquisitely done in seed hand embroidery is a French hand-made square collar, with cuffs to match of net and handkerchief linen. 35.00

A French hand-made fish collar is of net or handkerchief linen in a composition of real Valenciennes lace and hand embroidery. 25.00

The gimped "Epaulettes" is of organdie, the front and collar in Bavardere thread embroidery—and cuffs. 35.00

Large handbag of black satin with all-over hand embroidery motif of gold or silver. 25.00

## Women's FROCKS & GOWNS

29.50 to 295.00.

Day frocks in trotteur types of serge are distinctively Bonwit Teller & Co. in their simplicity and unusual style treatments. Afternoon gowns take form in distinguished models of beaded Georgette crepe, vari-colored printed chiffon and dainty laces. Dinner gowns with veiled decolletage and lace sleeves. Formal evening gowns of brocades, tissues and silks.

SPECIAL VALUES MONDAY

### Women's Serge Frocks

29.50 35.00 49.50

Three smart models in strictly tailored serge, in satin combined with serge and in serge with square yoke effect done in bronze and silver embroidery.

### Women's Taffeta Frocks

Navy blue taffeta frock with blue linen collar. Girdle embroidered in silver and bronze in combination with blue linen. 29.50

### Women's Beaded Charmeuse Frocks

Tunic model with self color beading at neck and bottom of tunic. Self color Georgette crepe chemisette. In navy blue and taupe. 39.50

### Women's Satin Frocks

Surplice model with scalloped tunic skirt. Double collar of Georgette crepe with fluted edge. Taupe and navy blue satin. 49.50

### Women's Georgette Crepe Frocks

Simple tucked model in tan, beige, gray, flesh pink, white and navy blue. 49.50

### Women's High Dress Boots 12.00

In brown, pearl gray, black or white kidskin; also combinations of brown vamps with white kid or brown suede tops. Hand turned or light welt soles, Louis XVI heels.

### Women's Walking Oxfords 8.50

Mahogany, dark tan or black Russia calfskin, wing tips, welted soles and military heels.

### Sale of Women's GLOVES

#### Elbow Length Tan Kid Gloves

An assortment of odd sizes. Formerly 3.25 to 3.50 1.75

#### White Kid Gloves

Short white kid gloves. Special at 1.65

### Women's SILK HOSE

#### Superfine Silk Hose

Pure thread silk in black, white and the fashionable Spring colorings. 1.95

#### Medium Weight Silk Hose

In black, white and the leading shades, reinforced mercerized garter tops and soles. 1.35

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### Special Sale Monday

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Distinctive in texture, silhouette, finesse of embroidery and delicate needlework—made by the Bonwit Teller & Co. establishment in the Philippines.

Nightgowns - 1.55 2.75 3.95  
Formerly 2.00 3.95 4.75

Of fine batiste, square neck and sleeveless.

Envelope Chemises - 1.95 2.50 3.45  
Formerly 2.50 3.95 4.95

Of fine batiste and nainsook, hand embroidery and hemstitched.

Drawers - 1.45 2.25 3.75  
Formerly 2.00 3.00 4.95

Of fine batiste and nainsook, elaborately hand embroidered.

Combinations - 2.25 3.45 4.75  
Formerly 3.00 4.95 5.75

Of batiste and nainsook, Princess model, hand embroidery top and bottom.

### GLOVESILK Undergarments

Glove Silk Embroidered Vests  
Regulation shoulder or bodice with satin ribbon shoulder straps. Special at 1.95

Glove Silk Knickers  
Reinforced model in white, pink and black. Formerly 2.25 1.95

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